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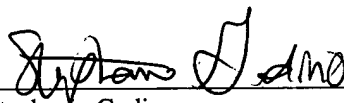
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

**PART II: Information Cited**

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited: An English language abstract is provided for EP 0345730.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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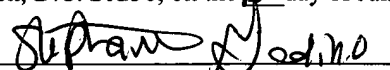
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and References
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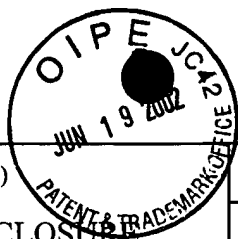
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		Number	Kind Code		
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	B2	4,561,126		Truman	12-31-1985
	B3	4,604,152		Liukko	08-05-1986
	B4	5,003,902		Benstock et al.	04-02-1991
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	B12	6,105,171		Niedermer	08-22-2000
	B13	6,154,886		Hottner	12-05-2000

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B14	EP	0345730	B1	W.L. Gore & Associates	13.Dec.1989	Y
	B15	WO	01/81082	A1	Seamtek International	01.Nov.2001	Y

## OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials#	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS) title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, relevant page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation (Y/N)

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